

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for determining if a person has, or can develop, Autism a PDD (pervasive development disorder), comprising the steps of:
obtaining a stool sample from the individual;
analyzing the stool sample to determine the presence of antigens associated with a plurality of different pathogens; and
identifying the presence of a plurality of different antigens in the stool sample as a biomarker that indicates that the individual either has Autism a PDD or can develop a PDD.

2. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of analyzing comprises performing a stool immunoassay.

3-6. (Canceled)

7. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein at least one of the plurality of different pathogens is Helicobacter pylori.

8-20. (Previously Withdrawn and Canceled)

21. (Canceled).

22 - 29. (Withdrawn and Canceled)